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*No helicopter incident
involving PW/MIA
personnel in area
reported by source.*

COUNTRY CAMBODIA

DOI MID-SEPTEMBER 1970

SUBJECT SIGHTING OF BODIES OF FOUR U.S. HELICOPTER CREWMEN IN
KOMPONG ROU DISTRICT, SVAY RIENG PROVINCE, CAMBODIA

*Only at
recently was
an OLR report
by source
return*

ACO VIETNAM, SAIGON (6 JUNE 1973)

SOURCE

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[REDACTED]

1. AT ABOUT 1500 HOURS ONE DAY IN MID-SEPTEMBER 1970,

[REDACTED] SAW TWO U.S. HELICOPTERS SHOT DOWN IN CAMBODIA
NEAR THE SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER BY 12.7MM ANTIAIRCRAFT MACHINEGUNS
OF THE VIET CONG MILITARY REGION 2 (VC MR-2) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND SAW ONE CRASH NEAR XT165004. THE OTHER, HE
LEARNED LATER, CRASHED NEAR XS171999. THE TWO HELICOPTERS,
FLYING WITH THREE OTHER HELICOPTERS, HAD BEEN STRAFING AN
UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENT OF THE VC KIEN TUONG PROVINCE UNIT, LOCATED
NEARBY. ONE OF THE THREE HELICOPTERS THAT WERE NOT HIT ATTEMPTED
TO RESCUE THE CREWMEN OF THE DOWNED HELICOPTERS BUT IT FAILED
BECAUSE OF HEAVY FIRE FROM VC GUNNERS. BOTH HELICOPTERS BURNED
WHEN THEY CRASHED.

2. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. HE SAW FIVE MEN LEAVE THE HELICOPTER AND RUN TOWARDS SOUTH VIETNAM. TWO OF THE FIVE WERE SHOT AND KILLED ABOUT SEVEN METERS FROM THE CRASH SITE; [REDACTED] NOT KNOW WHAT BECAME OF THE OTHER THREE MEN. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], ABOUT AN HOUR AFTER THE CRASH, TAM WENT TO THE CRASH SITE AND OBSERVED THE BODIES OF THE TWO MEN WHO HAD BEEN SHOT. BOTH WERE CAUCASIAN, ABOUT 40 YEARS OLD, ABOUT 1.80 METERS TALL, AND WERE DRESSED IN GREEN FLIGHT SUITS. ONE MAN WEIGHED ABOUT 92 KILOS AND HAD A ROUND, BLACK BIRTH MARK ON HIS RIGHT CHEEK, AND A HIGH FOREHEAD. THE OTHER WEIGHED ABOUT 80 KILOS.

[REDACTED] WAS SHOWN THE ALBUM OF PRISONERS OF WAR AND MISSING IN ACTION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA BUT WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY OF THE PHOTOS.)

3. [REDACTED] DID NOT GO TO THE CRASH SITE OF THE SECOND HELICOPTER BECAUSE THE AREA WAS SWAMPY. HOWEVER, [REDACTED] TOLD HIM THAT TWO OF THE CREWMEN ON THAT HELICOPTER WERE ALSO SHOT AND KILLED WHEN THEY ATTEMPTED TO FLEE FROM THEIR CRASHED AIRCRAFT. THEY WERE SHOT WITHIN TEN METERS

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OF THE HELICOPTER
THAT THE FOUR BODIES
LIVING IN THE AREA
WAS NOT REVEALED.

BOTH WERE CAUCASIAN. THE GUARDS TOLD
ES WERE BURIED BY VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS
AT THAT TIME. THE LOCATION OF THE GRAVES,

4. [REDACTED]: THE FOLLOWING IS THE JOINT CASUALTY
RESOLUTION CENTER (JCRC) EVALUATION OF THE REPORT: THE
INFORMATION IN THE REPORT CANNOT BE CORRELATED TO ANY AVAILABLE
DATA.)

5. FIELD DATA: SEM: DEFENSE ATTACHE FOR JCRC REPRESENTATIVE
IN SAIGON: SENT TO CINCPAC (FOR CINCPAC AND POLAD ONLY);
USSAG AND VIENTIANE (FOR JCRC REPRESENTATIVE ONLY), [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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